

Senators Gregory, Hildenbrand, Hood, Anderson, Johnson, Young, Warren, Hopgood, Booher, Proos, Pavlov, Bieda, Hune, Kowall, Emmons, Gleason, Jansen, Nofs, Kahn, Colbeck, Pappageorge, Caswell, Walker, Moolenaar, Meekhof, Hunter, Richardville, Smith, Schuitmaker, Marleau, Hansen, Brandenburg, Robertson, Green, Rocca, Jones, Whitmer and Casperson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 91.

A resolution proclaiming November 2011 as Epilepsy Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Epilepsy is a medical condition characterized by seizures that can affect a variety of physical and mental functions. Epilepsy and seizures affect more than 100,000 individuals in Michigan, including 30,000 children; and

Whereas, When seizures persist and become intractable, epilepsy is a devastating disorder; and

Whereas, Since 1948, the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is the only statewide nonprofit organization focusing on epilepsy. Its mission is to lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure, and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy; and

Whereas, The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan helps people with epilepsy and their families overcome the challenges presented by seizures through its education and consultation hotline, advocacy programs, annual Wellness & Epilepsy Conference, Camp Discovery, retreats, and social programs; and

Whereas, The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan makes the community a better place by providing seizure first-aid training for schools, law enforcement, and emergency medical staff. The Foundation also funds research through the national Epilepsy Foundation of America; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body proclaim November 2011 as Epilepsy Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize all people in Michigan living with epilepsy, express gratitude to their family and friends who are a source of love and encouragement to them, and salute the health care professionals and medical researchers who provide assistance to those so afflicted and continue to work to find cures and improve treatments; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan as a token of our esteem.